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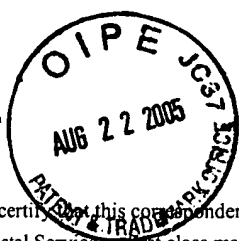
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2005, rejecting claims 1-20 of the present application. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested, since the sole ground for rejection is a paper published by Applicants less than one year prior to the filing date of the present application (the three authors listed on the paper are the same three individuals listed as inventors in this patent application). While the actual publication date is not shown on the paper, the footnote at the bottom of the left column on the first page cites the date on which the manuscript was approved as **November 4, 2002**, as compared to the

filing date of the present application, which is September 8, 2003. This shows that the time period between publication of the paper and the filing date was less than one year. The month in which the paper was actually published was **March 2003**, as shown on the Table of Contents of the March 2003 issue, the downloaded version of the Table of Contents is attached hereto, listing the paper as the last entry in the Table. This further confirms that the publication occurred less than one year prior to the filing of the present application.

Furthermore, the present application claims benefit from provisional application no. 60/441,897, filed January 21, 2003, which predates the March 2003 publication of the paper. Accordingly, even though the paper was submitted by Applicants in an Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants did not state that the paper was prior art. The paper in fact is not prior art for the reasons stated above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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